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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A device for facilitating remote bidding in a declining price auction, comprising:

a remote auction terminal including:

_____ a communications module that facilitates communication between the remote location and a declining price auction site;

a remote clock module that utilizes information regarding an auction clock at the declining price auction site and determines a desired timing difference between a remote clock and the auction clock at the declining price auction site and controls operation of the remote clock to precede the clock at the declining price auction site; and

a bid selector module that allows the remote purchaser to communicate an intention to purchase an item at a selected price, a signal generated by the device including information regarding the desired purchase price of the remote purchaser.

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18. (Original) The device of claim 17, wherein the clock module utilizes a synchronization time stamp provided by the auction site and a start delay variable that is indicative of an expected communication processing delay between the remote location and the auction site.

19. (Original) The device of claim 17, wherein the communications module facilitates communicating the purchaser's desired purchase price to the auction site prior to a time when the clock at the auction site reaches the desired purchase price.

20. (Original) The device of claim 17, including a display portion that displays a visual indication of the remote auction clock, information regarding a currently offered product and selectively displays information regarding other products to be offered at the auction site.

21. (Original) The device of claim 17, including a bid carrying function that permits a remote purchaser to have a selected bid be carried over during the auction cycle to a subsequently reached purchase price in the event that a desired purchase price is not accepted at the auction site.

22. (New) The device of claim 17, wherein the remote auction terminal comprises a computer.

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23. (New) A computer readable medium having a plurality of computer executable instructions for facilitating remote bidding in a declining price auction, comprising:

a communications instruction set that facilitates communication between the remote location and a declining price auction site;

a remote clock instruction set that utilizes information regarding an auction clock at the declining price auction site and determines a desired timing difference between a remote clock and the auction clock at the declining price auction site and controls operation of the remote clock to precede the clock at the declining price auction site; and

a bid selector instruction set that allows the remote purchaser to communicate an intention to purchase an item at a selected price, a signal generated by the device including information regarding the desired purchase price of the remote purchaser.

24. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 23, wherein the remote clock instruction set utilizes a synchronization time stamp provided by the auction site and a start delay variable that is indicative of an expected communication processing delay between the remote location and the auction site.

25. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 23, wherein the communications instruction set facilitates communicating the purchaser's desired purchase price to the auction site prior to a time when the clock at the auction site reaches the desired purchase price.

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26. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 23, including a bid carrying instruction set that permits a remote purchaser to have a selected bid be carried over during the auction cycle to a subsequently reached purchase price in the event that a desired purchase price is not accepted at the auction site.